



25th ID(L) & USARHAW SPOUSE INFORMATION MEETING September 1, 2005



NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 3, 2005
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: September 27th

1. COMMUNITY

OBSB	Commander	LTC Stephen Moniz	655-0216
Schofield Bks	Oahu North Community Director	Cathy Ballie	655-8978
	Action Line	Sherry Robinson	655-4483
Fort Shafter	Oahu South Community Director	Clarence Wilhelm	438-6996
	Action Line	Rosey Stone	833-2232

a. Joint Spouses' Conference (JSC) to be held September 30 & October 1. Register online or download the registration form at www.jointspousesconference.com. Registration open from August 15 - September 16. The 11th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, will come together as one-family to learn and share experiences from military life. The 2005 JSC will be held at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center.

Registrants may choose from over 65 workshops with an array of interests including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more. The 2005 JSC Keynotes will feature Brigadier General Coral Pietsch and "Anyway - The Paradoxical Commandments" author, Dr. Kent Keith. On Friday, September 30th, Dr. Keith's presentation will focus on leadership and finding personal meaning at home and at work. BG Pietsch will address conferees on Saturday, October 1. She is the first woman general in the 229-year history of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and the first Asian American woman to hold the rank of Brigadier General in the Army. The Joint Spouses' Conference is anchored with popular workshops from its own publication Armed for Entertainment "At Ease" A Creative Guide. The JSC is also selling opportunity tickets for a chance to win a handsome quilt featuring Hawaiian and joint military themes.

The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. For more information and to preview some of the exciting workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or contact Army Liaison, Beverly Tate.

b. "Bagging For Dollars" The commissary will again offer units the opportunity to fund raise by bagging groceries and assisting customers to their cars. The program is ONLY open to the Schofield Barracks & Fort Shafter community Unit Family Readiness Groups. The fundraiser will ONLY be conducted on the first Saturday of every month.

To participate, interested Units **must** submit a 3x5 card with unit name and point of contact and phone number to the Oahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB) Community Director's Office located in room 3B of the Aloha Center, Bldg 690, Schofield Barracks OR you may submit your cards to a designated SIM representative after the October SIMs meeting. The OBSB Deputy Director, Mr. Melvin Wright, will collect the cards and a drawing for **ALL** dates (the entire year from **November 1, 2005 through October 2, 2006**) will take place on **October 15, 2005** at OBSB. Each "winning" Unit will be **contacted** with their date and advised on required procedures. POC is SSG Pace 655-0497 or Melvin Wright 655-0868.

c. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to increase to \$400,000, Effective September 1, 2005: All members eligible for SGLI will become insured for the maximum coverage of \$400,000. Due to the increased coverage, maximum monthly premiums will then be \$26. SGLI will be available in increments of \$50,000 vs the current \$10,000.

~ The SGLI increase does not affect Family SGLI (FSGLI).

~ If a married member designates a primary beneficiary for their SGLI coverage other than their current lawful spouse, the member's spouse will be informed that the member has made such a designation. Members who submit a new SGLV 8286 declining or reducing their SGLI coverage by September 30, 2005 will not be required to pay the full \$26 premium for September 2005. Election changes made after September 30, 2005 will result in a pay deduction of \$26 for September coverage.

d. Schofield Commissary Mega Case Lot Sale on September 24th and 25th. Commissary case lot sale shoppers get "bargains by the case" and savings of up to 50% off regular prices on popular items such as paper goods, beverages, and cleaning supplies; and even chill or meat items in some locations. Nearly all commissaries are holding a case lot sale sometime during September 2005. For Schofield commissary, the September 24th and 25th Mega case lot sale will be on Saturday and Sunday. You can find out when the rest of the commissary in Hawaii is holding its sale at our Web site's case lot page at www.commissaries.com.

2. DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (DCA)

a. Army Community Service (ACS)

(1) **Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, September 26, 2005, 1:00-2:00 p.m., at the Army Community Service Center, Bldg 2091, Schofield Barracks, in Classroom 1. The council consists of the Army Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer user military agency representatives and unit representatives. The council will be discussing plans for the upcoming Make a Difference Day, October 22, 2005, proper procedures of submitting volunteer hours and address issues and/or concerns directly related to volunteerism. For more information, please call Cathie Henderson at 655-2398.

(2) **Work & Careers Websites.** Need help in your job search process? Are you wondering how to market your skills and abilities? Explore the following websites:

~ <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> to learn job search techniques, resume writing tips, and the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. Check the partnerships with public and private sector companies to create career and training opportunities for military spouses.

~ www.msjs.org or www.militaryspousejobsearch.org. Spouses are encouraged to submit their resumes into the Military Spouse Job Search website. Employers registered on this website have access to view all the resumes and fill their employment needs. Let's fill the database with Army spouse resumes to avail the spouses opportunities of their dream jobs. Our ASEP partners are looking for their resumes. Identify yourself as an Army spouse when registering. For additional assistance, contact your ACS Employment Readiness Manager, 655-2390.

(3) Army Family Team Building (AFTB)/Family Readiness Group (FRG) Meeting/Classes.

~ **Unit FRG Leaders (Company level) meeting** is scheduled on September 28, 9:00-11:30 a.m., in the ACS Building. It will be a potluck breakfast, so bring a dish to share. Childcare will be provided with advance reservations at Petersen CDC. POC is Jewel Csiszar at 655-2736.

~ Scheduled classes at ACS

Military Spouse 101	August 31 & September 1	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(Free childcare for this class only with advance registration through Petersen CDC hourly care 655-4706).		
Key Caller Training	September 7	9:30-1130 a.m.
FRG in a Nutshell	September 14	9:30-1130 a.m.
FRG Fundraising	September 21	9:30-1130 a.m.
FRGs On line	September 29	10:00 a.m.-1200 p.m.

~ AFTB Instructor Training, 19,20,22,23 Sep:, ACS, 0900-1230, must have completed Level 1 and II training. Training can be completed either in person or on-line @www.aftb.org. Bring copies of completion certificates to first day of training.

(4) **INFO ONLY**, Hawaii Army Family Action Plan, Sr. Spouse liaison, Claudine Tunstall is only invitee. 7 Sep, HAFAP: Garrison Commander Steering Committee Meeting, 1330-1530, Garrison Conference Room. POC is Robin Sherrod.

(5) **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY** : On Saturday, 22 October, USAG-HI will participate in the 7th Annual Make a Difference Day. Last year, community members participated in 35 volunteer projects throughout the island. This year there are over 80 projects available for adoption by community agencies and units. Deadline to adopt a project is 3 October. Projects available include everything from painting homes, assisting the elderly, building a gazebo at Fisher House, to cleaning up streams and beaches. There is something for everyone. Please join us in this very worthy project. If you would like to adopt a project or get more information about this very worthy community effort, please contact Cathie Henderson, 655-2398, hendersonca@schofield.army.mil

b. Community Recreation Division ~ Leisure Activities

(1) **VIP Seats Available to Soap Talk.** VIP seats are available to all military I.D. cards holders that are interested in attending a live taping of Soap Talk on September 23, 11 a.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Soap Talk co-hosts Lisa Rinna and Ty Treadway bring you exclusive interviews, video clips, star chats and much more. VIP seats are limited to the first 100 whom sign-up. Sign-ups are based on a first come first serve basis. Transportation will be provided and will leave from the Tropics, Bldg. 589 on Schofield Barracks at 9:30 a.m. The bus will return to the Tropics at approximately 1:45 p.m. VIP's will also receive a special gift from Soap Talk and Oceanic. Don't miss the opportunity to see this ten time Emmy nominated show. To sign-up to be a VIP to Soap Talk visit the Tropics today or call 655-0002 for more information.

(2) **Food Booth.** Anyone interested in operating a food booth during Tropic Lightning Week (October 3-7), a meeting will be held on September 7, 9:00 a.m., Bldg 556, on Schofield Barracks. The food booth point of contact must complete the 25th ID(L) Family Readiness Group Foodservice Sanitation Training online. For more information, contact the Leisure Activities Office at 655-0110 or 655-0112.

To access the 25th ID(L) Family Readiness Group Foodservice Sanitation Training:

1. Go to www.mwrarmyhawaii.com
2. Click on Army Community Service on the left menu.
3. Click on Family Readiness Programs

4. Scroll down to 25th ID(L) Family Readiness Group Foodservice Sanitation Training and click on the link

c. School Liaison Updates (Kristina M. Noriega-Artis, 655-2264)



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(1) Hale Kula Elementary –Hale Kula Medieval Family Fair on Thursday, September 1, 2006 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the school. This event is held in conjunction with our Book Fair, a fundraiser for our library and our PTA. The theme for the Book Fair is "Enter the Kingdom of Reading," and activities include a display of castles made by students and their families out of recyclable materials, demonstrations of medieval activities by the Society for Creative Anachronisms, games played in that time period, and a costume contest and parade. Our librarian, Michelle Colte, and our PTA president, Melanie O'Neill, are chairing this event.

Also, Hale Kula Elementary will host a school community meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8. Members of our school community, staff, parents, and community members, are invited to join us as we discuss how to improve student achievement at Hale Kula Elementary. Childcare will be provided.

Note: Schools wishing to add special announcements to this newsletter should contact Joy Boisselle or Ruby Batalona by email, see para. 11 below.

3. ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING (AHFH)

a. Take Pride in Your Community Contest. In the month of September, AHFH is hosting a "Take Pride in Your Community Contest." AHFH wants to hear from our younger residents about what it means to take pride in their community. Ages 4-17 are welcome to participate:

(1) Children ages 4-7 are encouraged to draw a picture that reflects what it means to them to take pride in their community. Drawings should be no bigger than 8 1/2x11 in size.

(2) Children ages 8-17 are encouraged to write an essay that describes in their own words what it means to take pride in their community. Essays should be no longer than 2 pages.

All entries should be submitted to your respective community center no later than October 15th. Entries will be judged according to age group and all winners will receive a special gift compliments of AHFH.

b. Upcoming September AHFH Community Events:

Wheeler Community

September 17th ~ Back to School Book Covering, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

September 24th ~ Water Balloon Tag, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Helemano Community

September 14th ~ Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Hamilton Community

September 23rd ~ Karaoke Open Mic Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sante Fe/Lyman Community

September 15th ~ Ice Cream Truck, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (or when ice cream is gone)

AMR Rim

September 17th ~ Movie Madness, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

September 30th ~ Coloring Contest

AMR East

September 3rd ~ Labor Day Fest, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

For more information about community events contact your Community Center.

North Regional Housing Office – 275-3700

South Regional Housing Office – 275-3800

www.armyhawaiiifamilyhousing.com

4. UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION (USO)

USO-Hawaii strives to enhance the quality of life of US Armed Forces personnel and their families when they arrive in Hawaii, and to create a cooperative relationship between the US military and the various supporting civilian communities. We have two centers, one at Hickam AMC terminal and the other at Honolulu International Airport which provides:

- A relaxing and safe environment for our travelling military and their families.
- Telephone, DSN Access
- Internet and Email Service
- Books/magazines
- Cable TV
- Movies
- Refreshments

Our other programs include Troop Deployments/Redeployments and Entertainment. We have a great need for Volunteers and would encourage any that wish to help to call us at 808-836-3351

5. DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (PAO)

a. Hawaii Army Report. To request coverage of an event to air on the Division's television newscast, the Hawaii Army Report, contact SPC Mary Simms at 655-4816, or e-mail Hawaii.armyreport@us.army.mil. The Hawaii Army Report airs daily on TV-2 and also worldwide on the Pentagon Channel (Oceanic Cable channel 120).

b. Hawaii Army Weekly. The Hawaii Army Weekly newspaper welcomes story ideas or articles of interest to Soldiers and their families in Hawaii. Send story ideas or articles to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of Friday publications. Stories must not exceed 600 words in text files; accompanying photographs must be digital, high resolution (300 dpi), jpeg file formats. Coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816.

6. THRIFT SHOPS

a. Fort Shafter Thrift Shop Hours. Thrift Shop hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Consignment hours are from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on those days. We accept 15 items per day, and up to 45 items per day, with PCS orders. Plenty of parking and a friendly group of volunteers await

you. "Everything Under the Sun.....and More." (**Vicki Kelly, Mgr and Joyce Ward, Asst Mgr, 842-1074**)

b. Schofield Barracks Thrift Shop. The Hui O' Na Wahine Thrift Shop is now accepting applications for manager position. Part time hours Tuesdays and Thursdays and first Saturday of each month. Friendly environment, great opportunities with flexible hours. Applicants must have military ID. For more information please contact: (**Jayne Taylor, Thrift Shop Liaison, 624-5130**)

7. HUI

a. Hui O Wahine - Fort Shafter's Hui O Wahine, an all ranks spouse club, will hold a membership welcome tea on September 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at Fort Shafter. For more information contact, Cuddy Eyre or Sandy Goetz.

b. Hui O' Na Wahine - Schofield Barracks (Kara Anderson, President).

(1) Our Super Sign-up was a big success with over 230 people joining this year! If you did not get a chance to join us on Aug 29, you can join at any of our luncheons. The luncheons are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Our first luncheon is set for Thursday, September 15. The speaker will be Stuart Holmes Coleman, the author of "Eddie Would Go." He will have copies of the book for purchase and signing. For reservation information, please contact Kristen Flynn or Kelly Albert.

(2) A great Hui member benefit is the availability of property to borrow. We have everything from tables and chairs to a large coffee pot, some table cloths and a beautiful new champagne fountain. You must be a member in good standing. If interested, please contact Sara Oxtoby.

(3) Any Army community organization can advertise in the Hui Lei, our monthly magazine, for free. They can send the information to Tracy Fountain at huileieditor@yahoo.com. Tracy will ensure that the information gets in there. This could be a helpful way for people to learn about what is available to them.

8. COMMUNITY CHAPELS (Sandy Rodriguez)

a. Schofield Barracks Area including HMR (Debby Gregory, 655-6645).

(1) **Registration for Catholic CCD and all Protestant Sunday School Classes** is currently ongoing at the Main Post Chapel. The new classes will start September 18th. Call the RE office for more information at 655-6645/4461.

(2) **Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)** will resume September 6 with their opening kickoff at the Main Post Chapel at 9:30 a.m. This will be a very exciting year for PWOC. There is free childcare, but children must be registered with the CYS STACC Site (free) and have their white registration card. Call 655-5314 for more information on childcare. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact person is Effie Powell.

(3) **Women's Evening Bible Study** is held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Connie Cady for directions.

(4) **Gospel Service Youth Group** meets at the Main Post Chapel Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Call Tina Aker for more information at 655-6645.

(5) **Gospel Women's Fellowship and Bible Study** is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Post Chapel, room D-9.

(6) **Gospel Men's Fellowship and Bible Study** is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Post Chapel, room D-9.

b. Fort Shafter Area including AMR, Fort. Shafter Worship Service and Fort DeRussy (Kathy Whalen, 839-4319)

(1) **Military Council of Catholic Women (MMW)** will begin on September 8 with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and fellowship, guest speaker and a catered luncheon from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Fall Bible Study will also be introduced. There is free childcare, but children must be registered with the CYS STACC Site (free) and have their white registration card. Call the chapel at 833-8175 to reserve a place for your child once registered.

(2) **Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)** at the AMR Chapel will begin on September 6 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There will be a catered luncheon, speakers and an introduction of the 3 Fall Bible Studies. There is free childcare, but children must be registered with the CYS STACC Site (free) and have their white registration card. Call the chapel at 833-8175 to reserve a place for your child once registered.

(3) **A Great Men's Retreat will be held Saturday, September 3rd** at the AMR Chapel. Breakfast and a guest speaker will round out the morning. Please call CH Welch (839-4319) to register.

(4) **August 30th Family Night** with catered dinner and guest speaker at the AMR Chapel starts at 5:30 p.m. Childcare will be available, but you must make a reservation with Kathy at 839-4319.

(5) **Registration for Catholic CCD and all Protestant Sunday School Classes** is on-going. Sunday School Classes (4 yrs-Adults) begin on September 11 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. CCD Classes (4 yrs-12th grade) begin on September 18 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Catholic RCIA Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Please stop by or call Kathy Whalen (839-4319) to register.

(6) **The Academy of Discipleship** to be held at AMR Chapel will kick off all Fall Programs beginning Sunday morning, September 11 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Additional classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at AMR Chapel from 6:00-7:30 p.m. These classes are designed to build our Christian Foundations, Christian Growth and Christian Ministry while providing Christian fellowship & relationships. For a brochure or more information, call 839-4319 and ask for Kathy.

(7) New Worship Times:

~ Fort Shafter Protestant's worship service: The Wave will move to 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning beginning on Sunday, September 4. They meet in the Dining Facility on Fort Shafter between the 2 barracks and next to the theater. Sunday School & the Academy of Discipleship are held at AMR Chapel from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 839-4319.

~ AMR Gospel Congregation will move their service from summer hours to fall hours, which will be at 12:30 p.m. beginning on Sunday, September 4. All are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided if your child has the white registration card from CYS/STACC Site.

9. ARMED SERVICES YMCA (Dela LaFleur, 624-5645)

782 Santos Dumont Ave on Wheeler Army Airfield

a. *The New Children's Waiting Room is Open.* The Children's Waiting at Schofield Pediatrics Clinic (Bldg 680) is now open to provide childcare for healthy children while their parents or siblings have medical appointments in any of the Schofield Clinics. We'll be open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Reservations and up to date shot records are required. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the childcare.

b. *Keiki Care.* This is a two-day class designed for 11-17 years old and covers interviewing techniques, basic childcare skills, and ideas for age appropriate toys, activities and discipline strategies. CPR and First Aid certification are also included. Our next class will be offered September 26th and September 28th from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$40.00.

c. *English as a Second Language.* Class runs September 20th through December 13th on every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30-11:00 a.m. This is appropriate for Level 2-Level 5 English speakers. Registration is required and a \$15.00 fee is charged. Childcare is available for qualified Army dependents. Call for details.

d. *Food for Families.* Our food locker is available to anyone experiencing financial difficulty who may be in need of some extra assistance. We gratefully accept donations of unopened canned and boxed foods. Please call our office for more information.

e. *Welcome Baby.* We have a home visitor who is available to provide information on health and family education, and to offer support and assistance to expectant moms and new parents. Please call Terri at 624-5645.

f. *Playmorning.* This free playgroup is designed for children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Playmorning features circle time, play-doh, crafts, songs, games and more. The program is held from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Monday - Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu
Tuesday - Heleman Community Center, Bldg. P1
Fort Shafter Super Playground
Wednesday - Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu
Thursday - Heleman Community Center, Bldg. P1
Friday - Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu

10. AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC), SB (Beth Weber, Coordinator, 655-4927)

a. Schofield Barracks Service Center. Our Red Cross office is located in the Aloha Center, Bldg. 690 in Room 3F. Our office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

b. Seeking Volunteers. We are currently looking for a Publicity Chairperson to fill our Board, no experience necessary. Office volunteers are always needed. If you are interested about knowing more, please contact Beth at the number posted above.

c. Standard First Aid and CPR Class. There will be a First Aid plus Adult, Child, and Infant CPR class offered at the Schofield Barracks office on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call us to sign up for the classes. We offer them on a monthly basis.

d. New Advisory Board. The Schofield Barracks Service Center is announcing our new Chairman of Volunteers, Shaunica Jayson and our new Records Chairperson, Evelyn Smith. We are very glad to have them added to our Schofield Barracks Volunteer Board.

e. If you have an emergency, call **1-877-272-7337** to send or retrieve a Red Cross message. Contact Mr. Liwai for emergency leave procedures at 655-4633.

11. NEWSLETTER AND MEETING INFORMATION

a. WEBSITE. The Newsletter is also available on the Division Website at www.25idl.army.mil

b. POC for the monthly Spouse Information Meeting is Ms. Joy Boisselle. **Email article submissions to:** ruby.v.batalona@us.army.mil